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1. My first reaction to [] proposal is that it would tend to confuse rather than clarify the problems involved. My feeling is that some of the things which we now have in mind will do much to solve these problems.

2. On those areas where some of the sections have covered the area as a whole and other sections have covered them on a segmented basis, such as 13A and 13B, the situation will be corrected in time under the maintenance program whereby the sections covering the area as a whole will be replaced by sections on a segmented basis. I feel that it would be better to let time take care of this problem rather than attempting any explanation of it to NIS users.

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3. Relative to the chapters which contain some missing sections because the topics are not applicable to the areas involved, I think that in the future this will be clarified if we issue the chapter covers with the last section published on a chapter as we now contemplate doing. It can then be indicated on the chapter covers just which sections are not to be published.

4. I have one further suggestion to make on this matter that I believe is worth considering. Publication Division is now listing all sections and section covers published to date which will reveal what sections are not published in a chapter. When that listing is completed we could easily reprint chapter covers for all those chapters which have sections missing, indicating that these sections are not to be published. We could also correct the classification on the covers if none of the elements in the chapter carry higher than the ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ classification. It seems to me that this would be much simpler than trying to publish an individual card in the NIS file such as suggested in "Sample C" of [] proposal.

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